

REMARKS

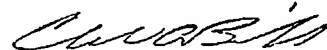
This application was originally filed on 31 October 2003 with thirty-nine claims, three of which were written in independent form. Claims 1-39 have been allowed.

Claims 24-27 and 34-37 were objected to and have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Line 9 of page 1 was amended to correct a typographical error in patent number 5,096,279.

In view of the amendments and the remarks presented herewith, it is believed that the claims currently in the application accord with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Therefore, it is urged that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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